

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held in its offices in the Courthouse Annex, City of Bessemer, on the above date.

Present:	Marti Wegner, Chair	Roy D'Antonio, Vice-Chair
	John Matonich, Commissioner	Dan Peterson, Commissioner
	Kevin Haustein, Commissioner	Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager
	Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary	

Also Present: 16 Public Attendees

- I. **Call to Order** ~ Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Haustein, with all in favor to approve the following minutes:
 - Budget Workshop of Monday, November 13, 2017
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, November 13, 2017
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, November 13, 2017
- V. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (5 minute limit)** ~ none
- VI. **Old Business** ~
 - a. Building Facility Development ~ The LOI for the Industrial Park Property has been sent to the City of Ironwood. Scott Erickson, an attendee of the meeting, stated that the LOI will be presented to the Ironwood Economic Development Corporation for review and if acceptable will be brought before the Ironwood City Commission Board.
 - b. Sign Truck Purchase ~ Darren advised the Board that Mark Selin has located a used 2014 Dodge Ram 5500 in Sioux Falls Iowa. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Peterson, Haustein & Wegner to include the payment of the truck in the amount of \$47,800.00 in the Accounts Payable Pre-Pay Report (**see finance meeting Payment of Bills**), allow Mark Selin and a mechanic to travel to inspect the truck and allow Mark Selin to present the check to Steffen Truck Equipment for the purchase of the truck if he feels the truck is acceptable for the needs of the GCRC.
 - c. Health Insurance WMHIP Business Agreement and Resolution ~ A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Haustein with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Haustein, Peterson, Matonich, D'Antonio & Wegner to accept the agreement with Darren Pionk's signature and adopt the provided resolution.
 - d. 2018 Proposed Budget Review ~ Darren presented the 2018 Budget with some changes made after the Budget Workshop held on November 13, 2017. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio with all in favor to accept the changes and to hold the public hearing during the regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 4:15 pm.

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VII. New Business ~

- a.** Iron-Belle Phase III Project Agreement (TAP Sponsor) ~ Numerous public attendees were acknowledged for this item.

Paul Anderson updated the Board on the closure of the 2017 project and discussed the plan for Phase III of the trail. He advised that the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners has again agreed to be the fiduciary of the grant and that the agreement presented to the GCRC Board is a request to be the sponsor of the TAP Grant.

Scott Erickson spoke on the economic impact of the Iron Belle Trail.

Enni Gregas spoke on the letter she presented to the Board regarding the volunteers, use of the trail and the asset it is to the area.

Anders Tingstad stated that the trail is a safe way to bike and walk. He added that biking is cheap, easy and healthy.

A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio to accept the agreement which opened this item for discussion.

Commissioner Matonich questioned the time that will be required by Darren. He stated that Darren's time should be minimal as the engineering firm in charge of this project should be overlooking the project and not Darren as the GCRC is only the sponsor of the grant. This concern will be monitored.

Commissioner Peterson stated he agreed with Matonich. He added that he is a user of the trail and enjoys it.

Dan Siirila added that money is still owed to Gogebic County from Phase II.

Darren added that Phase III construction would start in 2020.

A roll call was taken from the above motion: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Peterson, Haustein & Wegner to accept the agreement with Darren's signature.

- b.** Christmas Hams ~ It was discussed and agreed that this item was approved at the regular meeting of December 12, 2016 to continue this item without Board approval.

VIII. Public Comment ~ Bob Meyerson, a resident of Anvil location, stated that the sod and top soil is being ripped up by the plow. He added that the sidewalks are being plowed resulting in the curb and sidewalks to be damaged. He asked if there was a law against pushing snow into private yards. Darren stated that he was not aware of any such law and Mr. Meyerson's concerns will be looked into.

- IX. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by Matonich, with all in favor to adjourn at 5:07 pm.

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Secretary

Chair